

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SCOTT ROSCOE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Scott Roscoe with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Scott is a member of Egg Harbor Township Troop 94. For his Eagle Scout Project, he installed a wall-mounted shelving system in the offices of the Great Egg Harbor Township Historical Society. For this project, Scott arranged the material donations and volunteers, communicated with the historical society, and arranged meetings with groups and individuals to ensure the completion of the project. He also volunteered around 110 service hours at the ALS Walk, Food Bank, Salvation Army, Patcong Creek, Beach Cleanup, and more. Scott, along with his brother Jack, also helped organize and sell flood-relief buckets to aid Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments, and it was my honor to have the opportunity to recognize him for his service to both the Historical Society and the entire South Jersey community. God Bless Scott and God Bless America.

LEXI MISSIMO

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our Texas 24 Hometown Hero of the week, Lexi Missimo, a Southlake native representing the United States Women's National youth team.

Last season while playing for the University of Texas, Lexi showed courage in the face of public pressure by standing proudly for our country's national anthem. While many chose to bend the knee, Lexi stood with pride to honor the country she loves, and her beloved late grandfather who selflessly served in the military.

We live in strange times—it is now more acceptable to kneel for our flag than to stand. Lexi displayed bravery by refusing to cower to public pressure, not for any political purpose, but simply out of love for country.

Lexi is an all-American kid—one who is proud of the country she calls home and those who serve to protect it. I look forward to seeing her represent our country this summer with the Under 20's national team, and one day, fulfill her dream to play for the senior team.

I thank Lexi for her courageous actions. May they inspire the rest of the country to show pride in our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE 1ST MISSION SUPPORT COMMAND OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE IN PUERTO RICO

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I would like to give special recognition to the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico known as the 1st Mission Support Command.

In June 1922, the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico was authorized when the Headquarters of the 187th Infantry Brigade and the 373rd Infantry Regiment were allotted from the National Army. This force, transformed by the needs of the nation continues to serve today as the 1st Mission Support Command. As we approach the 100th anniversary of its organization it is befitting to pause to commemorate and recognize the contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to vital national security interests and homeland defense.

Answering the nation's call when liberty is at risk is a responsibility that the citizen soldiers from the newly Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico readily assumed. From July 14, 1939 to July 7, 1945, 119 enlisted and 513 officers from the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico served in World War II. During the decade of the 1940s the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico were designated the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico. Subsequent military priorities adapted, expanded, and amended the organization of the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico to include additional military occupational specialties, capabilities and responsibility for units in the Virgin Islands. Its current denomination as 1st Mission Support Command was authorized on October 19, 2007.

These changes enabled the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico to activate and deploy from September 1990 through October 1991, more than 1,000 Soldiers in support of the Persian Gulf War. After the events of September 11, 2001, the 1st Mission Support Command deployed more than 5,000 soldiers to provide indispensable and sustained support for operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, and other throughout the world, with 95 percent of units having deployed or provided mobilized soldiers, in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The commitment of the members of the 1st Mission Support Command and their success wherever they deploy is a demonstration of their quality and devotion to duty. But behind each of them are the family members who support them with their love and who endure the long periods of separation spent in training and deployments. This 100th anniversary is also a celebration of their stoic support.

Confronting overseas threats is where the 1st Mission Support Command has earned its reputation as a professional and capable

force. But probably the greatest threat confronted by the command was not in a remote battlefield, but in its own backyard. The battering winds of Hurricane Irma and Maria in 2017 impacted Puerto Rico with such a force that within a few hours transformed our beloved Island into a disaster zone. The severity of the Island-wide disaster required designating the 1st Mission Support Command as the U.S. Army Reserve Caribbean Geographical Command, which added key new capabilities to its formation and placing thousands of additional soldiers, under one chain of command. It is evidence of the quality of leadership and soldiers who are part of the 1st Mission Support Command that even when faced with the emergency imposed by the disaster, they gallantly helped their communities while effectively continuing to support their military commitments overseas.

As the 1st Mission Support Command in Puerto Rico stands in the threshold of a new century, we are confident that the strong roots developed during the last 100 years have prepared the men and woman of this command to respond to the challenges that war, or nature could bring in the future. Is in this context that I request that this body joins with me to recognize and commend the 1st Mission Command for the selfless and dedicated service of its past and present citizen-soldiers whose personal courage, contributions, and sacrifices have helped preserve the freedom and advance the national security and homeland defense of the United States of America.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I urge support for my amendment to bolster the research capacity of our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

I'm a third generation HBCU graduate. HBCUs were created to provide a safe place of learning for Black Americans. Just this week, that most basic tenet has been threatened by racist bomb threats.

On Tuesday, I called on the Department of Education to lead a whole-of-government response to these threats. We owe HBCU students and faculty safety, but we also owe them so much more.

I'm here today to ensure Congress delivers for our HBCUs the same way they delivered for me and so many other graduates. My amendment will bolster the research capacity of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in two ways.

First, it will ensure that research grants from the National Science Foundation can be used for the professional development and

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